



## Tempe Center for the Arts now open

A gleaming gem along Tempe Town Lake was showcased to the community at the Sept. 9 Tempe Center for the Arts Grand Opening Family Day, Presented By The Tempe Republic/ The Arizona Republic. Boasting an intimate, 600-seat main theater, a 200-seat studio theater, an art gallery and a lakeside multipurpose room, the facility provides a home for the visual and performing arts.

Local arts organizations such as Childsplay, Tempe Little Theatre, Arizona Wind Symphony, Tempe Symphony Orchestra, Tempe Symphonic Wind Ensemble, Arizona Academy of the Performing Arts, Tempe Community Chorus, Desert Dance and A Ludwig Dance will call the TCA home. Other groups using the facility include Ballet Arizona and Citrus Valley Playhouse. Tickets for performances can be purchased at [www.tempe.gov/tca](http://www.tempe.gov/tca) or at the TCA box office, 700 W. Rio Salado Parkway.

The first exhibit in the center's gallery is called, "But It's a Dry Heat," and features the work of Arizona artists. Their work depicts Arizona's climate and lifestyle in mediums from snapshots to steel. The exhibit will run until Jan. 11.

## Tardeada celebrates Hispanic heritage



Tempe residents are invited to enjoy a vibrant afternoon festival and dance featuring live entertainment, community booths, arts and crafts for children, and traditional Mexican food. Called Tempe Tardeada, this annual event celebrates the city's Hispanic roots and is held in conjunction with National Hispanic Heritage Month.

Tempe Tardeada will take place Sunday, Oct. 14, from noon to 8 p.m., at the Tempe Community Center Complex, 809 E. Southern Ave., which is the southwest corner of Rural Road and Southern Avenue. Entertainment will include Chapito Chavarria & His Orchestra, Mariachi Tierra del Sol, Power Drive and colorful folklorico dancers.

For more information, call Ginny Belousek at 480-350-8979 or visit [www.tempe.gov/tardeada](http://www.tempe.gov/tardeada).



## Oktoberfest polkas into Tempe

Revelers in lederhosen will descend on Tempe Beach Park when the annual Way Out West Oktoberfest gets underway Oct. 5. The 35th annual event benefits Tempe Sister Cities and draws families from all over the Valley for a celebration honoring the traditions of Germany. Great food like bratwurst will be available, along with polka dancing, carnival rides, a strudel-eating contest, live music, a rock wall and more.

The festival opens Friday, Oct. 5, from 5 p.m. to midnight, continues Saturday, Oct. 6, from 10 a.m. to midnight, and wraps up Sunday, Oct. 7, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Admission is free.

Way Out West Oktoberfest is produced by volunteers to raise money for Tempe Sister Cities programs like international student and teacher exchanges, and humanitarian projects. For more information, call 480-491-FEST or visit [www.wowoktoberfest.com](http://www.wowoktoberfest.com).



## Community ride highlights bike-friendly Tempe

Tempe's 12th annual leisurely community bike ride, Tour de Tempe, is a non-competitive 12- to 14-mile ride on Sunday, Oct. 28, that weaves through diverse neighborhoods, downtown Tempe, public art projects and other Tempe sites. Registration starts at 7 a.m. and the ride begins at 8:30 a.m. The ride starts and ends at Tempe's Kiwanis Park, in the parking lot at All-America Way just north of Guadalupe Road.

All riders will receive free breakfast snacks and T-shirts will be given to the first 800 registrants. Helmets are required. Limited quantities of helmets will be available for purchase the day of the event for \$10-\$15 with cash or check only.

Tempe has more than 165 miles of dedicated bikeways, including on-street bike lanes and off-street multi-use paths. The city is designated a Bicycle Friendly Community by the League of American Bicyclists. For more information on the event, call 480-858-2215.

## Run with Team Tempe at P.F. Chang's Rock 'N' Roll Marathon

Have you ever wanted to get in better shape or finish a marathon? Do you want to help your community? Then join Team Tempe, a fun way to get healthy and help those in need. Team Tempe is a community-wide effort to raise money for the Association for Supportive Child-care, the Centers for Habilitation, the Tempe Family YMCA and the Tempe Community Foundation. Plus it's a chance to receive training and encouragement to finish the full or half marathon at the P.F. Chang's Rock 'N' Roll Marathon on Jan. 18 in Tempe, Phoenix and Scottsdale. For more information on Team Tempe or to join, contact Jayson Matthews of the Tempe Community Council at 480-858-2302 or visit [www.tempe.gov/tcc](http://www.tempe.gov/tcc). For more information on the P.F. Chang's Rock 'N' Roll Marathon, visit [www.nrnr.com](http://www.nrnr.com).

## ASU Homecoming Weekend

Show your spirit and support the Sun Devils all weekend at Arizona State University's annual Homecoming and Family Weekend. The Fest Devil Homecoming Gala is Friday, Oct. 26, starting at 6:30 p.m., at The Buttes Resort, 2000 Westcourt Way, in Tempe. The gala is black tie optional and costs \$175 per person. For information or tickets, call the Tempe Chamber of Commerce at 480-736-4283.

On Saturday, Oct. 27, the Homecoming Parade starts at 3 p.m. on University Drive, between College and McAllister avenues. More than 100 floats made by ASU organizations and community groups will be featured, followed by a 4 p.m. Block Party on the lawn of Old Main. The day is topped off by the 7 p.m. football game featuring the Sun Devils against California Berkeley. Tickets range from \$25 to \$125 and can be purchased by calling 480-727-0000, by visiting [www.thesundevils.com](http://www.thesundevils.com), or at the box office at Sun Devil Stadium, 400 E. Stadium Dr.

## Music at the Marina

Pack a picnic, bring a blanket and enjoy some incredible music during Music at the Marina, a free concert series held each Sunday in October from 4-7 p.m. at Tempe Town Lake Marina.

Oct. 7 – Wild Angels

Oct. 14 – The Rave

Oct. 21 – Ringo McLennonSon

Oct. 28 – The Swamp Coolers

Town Lake Marina is on the north side of Town Lake, south of the Loop 202 freeway on College Avenue. For more information, call 480-350-8625 or visit [www.tempe.gov/lake](http://www.tempe.gov/lake).

## Orbit Earth route launches

Tempe's newest neighborhood circulator route, Orbit Earth, launches Sept. 17. Orbit Earth will provide free, high-frequency shuttle service to and from north Tempe every 15 minutes, seven days a week, from 6 a.m. to 10 p.m.

Tempe currently operates two Orbit routes dubbed Mercury and Venus, which replaced the Neighborhood Flash route. Two more Orbit routes, Mars and Jupiter, are scheduled to launch Nov. 26 and Jan. 15, respectively. Orbit Mars will serve neighborhoods between Broadway Road and the U.S. 60, from McClintock Drive to Evergreen Road. Orbit Jupiter will serve areas along Dorsey Lane and College Avenue.

"The neighborhood circulator that Tempe residents voted for in 1996 will provide a connection for north Tempeans to the North Tempe Multigenerational Center, Tempe Marketplace and downtown," said Mayor Hugh Hallman. "This new route will be a great addition to the existing routes, and brings us closer to the holistic public transit system we are working to achieve."

For more information on Orbit routes, call 480-350-2739 or visit [www.tempe.gov/tim](http://www.tempe.gov/tim) for maps of the routes.

## Tempe accepts recyclables

The City of Tempe's residential recycling program accepts many types of materials, as long as they are clean, dry and empty, including:

- Newspapers, magazines, phone books
- Computer paper, writing paper, file folders, paper bags
- Shredded paper (bagged in clear plastic)
- Junk mail, thermal fax paper
- Glass food and beverage containers
- Steel/aluminum/tin beverage & food containers
- 2-liter soda bottles, detergent bottles, milk jugs – anything with code symbols 1 or 2
- Cardboard boxes, such as shoe and cereal boxes

A number of items are not recyclable, including:

- Facial and toilet paper, paper towels, napkins
- Diapers, pet food bags
- Pottery, window glass, light bulbs
- Frozen dinner trays, pie plates, foil and food containers
- Plastic bags, plastic cups, Styrofoam
- Detergent boxes, bar soap boxes, beer/soda carriers

For more information, call the Tempe Recycling Hotline at 480-350-8145 or visit [www.tempe.gov/recycling](http://www.tempe.gov/recycling).



## Valley Art Theater

The Valley Art Theater, an historical icon on Mill Avenue, was built and opened by Dwight "Red" Harkins in 1940, and was then known as College Theater. Years later, Harkins and his wife moved into a tiny apartment above the theatre just off the projection room, and raised their son, Dan Harkins.

Ownership and management changed hands many times after Harkins sold the theater in 1961, but it continued to attract audiences to its art and foreign films, including the weekly showing of the cult classic *The Rocky Horror Picture Show* and free family movies on Saturday mornings.

In 1991, the Valley Art was purchased by Krista Griffin and sold again within 24 hours to Dan Harkins, son of the original owner. As a labor of love, Dan Harkins put \$1 million into rejuvenating the aging building and re-opened it in 2000. The theater now boasts modern comforts such as stadium seating, high-backed rocking seats, digital sound and a giant, wall-to-wall screen.

"The Valley Art Theater survived several transformations from the one-and-only movie house in Tempe during the Depression, to an art-house theater, to its present state with modern stadium-style seating and the latest technology," said Tempe Historical Museum Curator of History James Burns.

## "Green" bus maintenance facility opens

The grand opening of the East Valley Bus Operations and Maintenance Facility will be Monday, Oct. 22, from 9-10:30 a.m. at 2050 E. Rio Salado Parkway, west of Priest Drive. The cities of Tempe and Scottsdale, Valley Metro and the Tempe Chamber of Commerce partnered to build the environmentally-friendly transportation facility, which will provide a place to maintain Valley Metro buses.

The 74,000-square-foot facility features administrative offices, gathering space and lockers for bus drivers, and green features such as a water reclamation system for the bus wash area. All carpet, tile, millwork and ceiling finishes used recycled content.

For more information, visit [www.tempe.gov/greenprograms](http://www.tempe.gov/greenprograms) or call 480-350-2775. ADA-accessible transportation accommodations to the grand opening are available by calling 480-350-8663. Bus route and schedule information is available by calling 602-253-5000 or at [www.valleymetro.org](http://www.valleymetro.org).

## Green Building Expo

Building professionals and the public are invited to learn about energy and resource efficiency at the 10th annual Green Building Expo, Oct. 5-6, at the Scottsdale Center for the Arts, 7380 E. 2nd St. The event will feature more than 100 exhibits of new products and services supporting sustainability at home, the workplace and schools. Green building professionals from around the country will present various seminars, demonstrations and workshops. The free event runs Oct. 5 from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Oct. 6 from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. It is hosted by the cities of Phoenix, Scottsdale and Tempe. For information, visit [www.greenbuildingexpo.com](http://www.greenbuildingexpo.com) or call 480-312-2245.



## Calendar

### City Council Meetings

The September/October schedule for Tempe City Council meetings

#### September 6

6 p.m., Issue Review Session  
7:30 p.m., Council Meeting

#### September 20

6 p.m., Issue Review Session  
7:30 p.m., Council Meeting

#### October 4

6 p.m., Issue Review Session  
7:30 p.m., Council Meeting

#### October 25

6 p.m., Issue Review Session  
7:30 p.m., Council Meeting

Meetings are aired live on Tempe 11 and the Internet at [www.tempe.gov/tempe11](http://www.tempe.gov/tempe11).

City Council meetings are held in the Council Chambers at City Hall, 31 E. Fifth St. Agendas are posted 24 hours before each meeting outside the Council Chambers and on the second floor of City Hall. Meetings are subject to change. Confirm dates and times with the City Clerk's Office, 480-350-8241 or on the Web site at [www.tempe.gov/clerk](http://www.tempe.gov/clerk).

## Tempe City Council

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## News you can use

### Craft vendors wanted for boutique

Register now to be a craft vendor at the Fall Art and Craft Boutique, hosted by the Retirees of Tempe and the City of Tempe at the Pyle Adult Recreation Center. Registration begins Sept. 12 at the Pyle Adult Recreation Center, 655 E. Southern Ave. The cost is \$30 per 6-foot table with a two-table maximum. Crafts also can be consigned for \$30 plus 10 percent of gross sales. Items must be handcrafted. All vendors are subject to state and local sales tax. The boutique will be Friday, Oct. 26, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., and Saturday, Oct. 27, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. For more information, call 480-350-5211.

### 30th Annual Family Halloween Carnival

Enter a costume contest, play carnival games, eat delicious food and enjoy live entertainment at Tempe's annual Family Halloween Carnival on Wednesday, Oct. 31, from 5:30 to 9 p.m., at Kiwanis Community Park. Kiwanis Park is located at Mill Avenue and All-America Way. For more information, call the Tempe Recreation Office at 480-350-5200.

### Happy 50th Birthday to McKemy School!

McKemy Middle School will celebrate its 50th birthday from Oct. 15-19, including Alumni Day on Wednesday, Oct. 17, starting at 8:30 a.m. Alumni Day will feature a continental breakfast at 8:30 a.m., school tours at 9:30 a.m., an assembly at 1:30 p.m. and a cake and punch social at 2:30 p.m. McKemy alumni also are invited to attend El Tigre 50th Fiesta on Oct. 17 at 5:30 p.m. at Shalimar Country Club, 2032 E. Golf Ave. The cost of the event is \$10 per person. To RSVP, call Joe Spracale at 480-940-0958. McKemy Middle School is located at 2250 S. College Ave. For more information on McKemy's 50th birthday celebration or Alumni Day call 480-921-9003 (ext. 6377), e-mail [meroper@tempeschools.org](mailto:meroper@tempeschools.org) or visit [www.geocities.com/mckemy50/McKemy50.html](http://www.geocities.com/mckemy50/McKemy50.html).

### G.A.I.N. Night Oct. 20

Participate in G.A.I.N. (Getting Arizona Involved in Neighborhoods) Night on Saturday, Oct. 20, from 4-8 p.m., by spending the evening outdoors with your neighbors. Every block watch, neighborhood association, apartment community and mobile home community in Tempe is invited to participate. G.A.I.N. Night is designed to heighten crime and drug prevention awareness, strengthen community relations and send a message to criminals that neighbors are organized and fighting back. For more information or to register, call 480-858-6333 or visit [www.tempe.gov/cpu](http://www.tempe.gov/cpu).

### Reels & Wheels

Enjoy a movie under the stars as Tempe's free annual Reels & Wheels movie series kicks off Oct. 19 and continues throughout the fall at the Tempe Community Complex, 3500 S. Rural Road, in the courtyard between the Tempe Public Library and the Tempe Historical Museum. Showtimes start at 6:30 p.m.

Oct. 19 - Talladega Nights: The Ballad of Ricky Bobby (PG-13)

Oct. 26 - Wild Hogs (PG-13)

Nov. 2 - Nacho Libre (PG)

Nov. 9 - School of Rock (PG-13)

Nov. 16 - Ferris Bueller's Day Off (PG-13)

For more information on Reels & Wheels, call 480-350-5216.

### Walk to School Day

Stroll to school with your child and plant a tree together at Tempe's annual Walk to School Day on Wed., Oct. 3. Parents and children can begin walking to school between 6:30 and 8:15 a.m., and then participate in a tree planting ceremony. Members of the Tempe City Council and local school board members also will help plant trees. Following the ceremony, families can enjoy a free breakfast. For a list of participating schools in the Tempe and Kyrene districts and for start times, call 480-858-2215 or visit [www.tempe.gov/tim](http://www.tempe.gov/tim).